

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicants' attorney during the interview held January 28, 2004, in the above-identified application. During the interview, Applicants' attorney explained the presently-claimed invention and discussed the various issues raised in the Office action. The discussion is summarized and expanded upon below.

The provisional rejection of Claims 3-8, 11 and 14-17 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 11-18 of co-pending Application No. 10/244,164 (co-pending application), is respectfully traversed. The co-pending application is a divisional application of the present application, but is not limited to subject matter withdrawn from consideration herein. Accordingly, **submitted herewith** is a terminal disclaimer over the co-pending application. It is respectfully requested, therefore, that this rejection be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 3-8, 11 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully traversed. Indeed, the rejection is now moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. Note, however, with regard to paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Office Action, the structural formula [3] depicts X^1 to X^{14} , not X^1 to X^{12} . Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

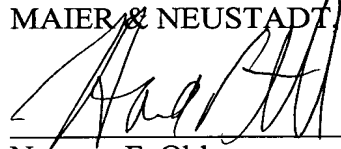
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of Claim 14, and the finding that Claims 3-8, 11 and 15-17 are drawn to allowable subject matter. Nevertheless, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the presently-pending claims in this application are now in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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If the Examiner determines that the present amendment raises new issues and/or does not put the application in condition for allowance, she is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney, so that a further amendment can be made to put the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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